



## *The School District of the City of York*

### **PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO:**

#### *The Family of Former Assistant Superintendent Dr. Julia Hines Harris*

*We, the Board of School Directors, administration and staff of the School District of the City of York, submit this resolution with our deepest heartfelt sympathy:*

*Whereas, Dr. Julia Hines Harris showed her commitment to providing a premier educational experience for all children in The School District of the City of York by serving as a teacher, guidance counselor, and administrator for thirty-seven years and;*

*Whereas, Dr. Julia Hines Harris was a life-long valued member of the York community. Dr. Harris received her primary and secondary education in the School District of the City of York. She attended Smallwood Elementary School, Hannah Penn Junior High School and graduated from The William Penn Senior High School in 1958. She went on to attend Cheyney State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1962. Dr. Harris also attended Millersville University where she received her Master's Degree and the University of Pennsylvania where she earned her Doctorate in Education. After graduating from Cheyney State University, Dr. Harris came back to York City in 1962 to teach. She taught reading, elementary education, and special education at the Ferguson Elementary School, the Noell Elementary School, and the Hannah Penn Middle School. Dr. Harris also served as a guidance counselor and African American History teacher at the William Penn Senior High School. In 1984, she became the Acting Assistant Principal of the Hannah Penn Middle School. She served as Principal of Lincoln Elementary School from 1985 through 1987. Dr. Harris became principal of Edgar Fahs Smith Middle School in 1987 and served in that capacity until 1991. From 1991 until her retirement in 2001, she was the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education. Stern, yet compassionate, Dr. Harris knew every name, every parent and every talent that her students brought to bear and demanded nothing short of excellence. She often told her students to "Love yourself"; "You are somebody!" and;*

*Whereas, Dr. Julia Hines Harris served the York City community in a variety of leadership roles. Her ultimate goal was to contribute to the improvement of her hometown, which she loved. She served on the York City Human Relations Commission; Police Civil Service Commission; Community Advisory Board; Crispus Attucks Community Center Board of Directors, York Hospital Corporate Board of Directors, United Way, Penn Laurel Girl Scout Council Board of Directors and the College Avenue Senior Citizens Board of Directors, just to name a few, and;*

*Whereas, Dr. Julia Hines Harris nurtured the minds, bodies and spirits of countless members of the York City community in her roles as mentor, advocate and confidant. She was a lifetime member of the Shiloh Baptist Church where she served as an Associate Pastor for many years. In 2010, she became a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church where she remained, faithful until her passing;*

*Therefore, we do humbly declare our deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Julia Hines Harris. We pray that a sense of peace will reside with the family in their hour of bereavement and that many happy memories will continue to warm their hearts as they mourn the loss of Dr. Harris, a selfless woman of distinction.*

*Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to the family of Dr. Julia Hines Harris from the School District of the City of York and a copy retained in the archives of the School District of the City of York.*

*Given under our Hand and the seal of the School District of the City of York  
This 19th day of June in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen*

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*Mrs. Margie Orr, President, Board of School Directors*

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*Eric B. Holmes, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent*